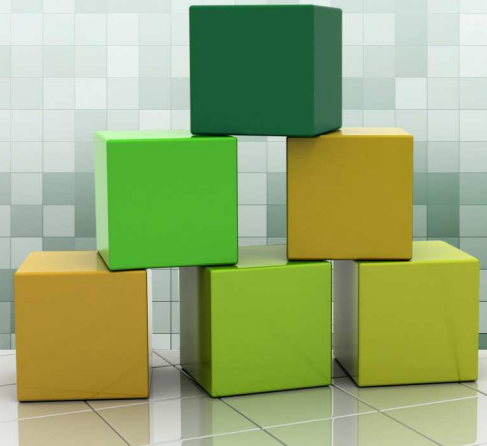




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Child and Youth Victims of Criminal Harassment, 2011

Criminal harassment is captured under Section 264 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

As can be seen in the figure below, in 2011, the risk of becoming a victim of criminal harassment increased in adolescence. Among male youth, the number of victims of criminal harassment began to increase notably around age 12, while for female youth, the number of victims began to increase around age 11. Among male youth, the number of victims of criminal harassment remained relatively stable between the ages of 12 to 17. Among female youth, however, the number of victims of criminal harassment increased

throughout their teen years. Indeed, the number of female victims of criminal harassment was much higher than male victims in the later teen years. The large difference between the number of male and female victims began to appear at approximately age 11.

These data indicate that a higher number of female youth experience criminal harassment in their teen years compared to males. While the number of male victims of criminal harassment remains stable throughout adolescence, the number of female victims increases as they become older.

Figure: Number of victims of police-reported criminal harassment by gender and age, 2011

